

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 2 to read:

Field and Background of the Invention

The invention relates to a method for securing a motor vehicle against theft. The invention furthermore relates to a system for securing a motor vehicle against theft through means for switching over at least one essential operational element of the motor vehicle, the means for switching comprising at least one usage authorization device, at least one switching device switching between specific operational states of the essential operational element(s) and means for transmitting the authorization data between the usage authorization device and the switching device.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 6 to read:

Summary of the Invention

The aim of the invention is therefore to provide a flexible method, which can be adapted to the security requirements of the motor vehicle entitlement holder, and a system for carrying out this method,[[,]] which nevertheless have an extremely high effectiveness against theft.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 8 to read:

Brief Description of the Drawings

In the following the invention will be described in a preferred embodiment with reference

to a drawing, with further advantageous details found in the figures of the drawing. Functionally identical parts are provided with the same reference numbers.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 17 to read:

Description of the Preferred Embodiment

In the following the embodiment of the invention depicted in the figures will be described.